



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 95,1408-CCC)

PATENT

In the application of:

Kellogg et al.

Serial No. 09/624,777

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For: Capillary Microvalves

Before the Examiner:

J. Ludlow

Group Art Unit: 1743

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 26, 2004, Applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1-4, designated as Group I by the Examiner. Applicants' election is with traverse

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the instant Restriction Requirement. Applicants respectfully contend that it would impose no undue hardship on the Patent and Trademark Office to examine the invention of claims 5-6 along with the elected claims, particularly in view of the relationship between these inventions. This relatedness is indicated, *inter alia*, by the classification of both the inventions of Groups I and II in Class 422, subclass 72. Thus, a search of the relevant art as identified by Patent and Trademark Office would reveal art relating the inventions of Groups I and II without requiring additional searching or other undue hardship on the Office.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Date: April 26, 2004

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Respectfully submitted,
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